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## COA sponsor meet candidate's night

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Council on Aging sponsored a meet the candidate's night last Thursday, May 27 in the Hubbardston Senior Center.

Acting town administrator David Nixon acted as moderator. Each candidate had five minutes to speak followed by a question and answer period from the audience. The three candidates for two three-year positions on the select board attended the event.

Jeffrey Williams, 98 Old Princeton Road, incumbent, spoke first. He said he was presently vice-chair on the select board and served eight years on the board. He said he moved to Hubbardston 20 years ago, was a senior citizen and a retired educator. He said he still strongly believed seniors deserved a "place at the table" and he would continue to support them. He said he wanted to see children get the best education, but one, which the town could afford. He had and would say no if the school budget was beyond the town's means. He said infrastructure was a major problem; the buildings were getting older. He said he worked on committees to address buildings since he came on the select board. He said another goal was roads. He said the town needed new businesses. He promised to continue working for the town and encouraged all to vote.

During the question and answer time, a resident said he served as constable. During an election, a woman had something on her shirt, which was not allowed at the polls and he offered her his coat. She accused him of assault. He said the court exonerated him and he asked if the select board would change their vote on the matter to remove him as a constable and recycling coordinator. Williams said he could not commit on the matter, but he did say he voted no on the motion.

A resident asked what do you see as the biggest challenge? Williams answered getting back to normal and getting children back to school full-time.

Heather Munroe, 59 Grimes Road, she was a "passionate resident eager to serve." She and her

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## Barre honors its fallen service members



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo by Lucy Allen

Members of American Legion Post #2 firing squad shoot their guns at the Barre Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 31.

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – The town of Barre as both state Senator Anne Gobi and state Representative said "never disappoints on Memorial Day."

This year was no different, but thanks to a grant from the Barre Savings Bank Charitable

Foundation a flag garden of 700 American flags graced part of North Common along with new bunting and flags. A sound company from Spencer provided an improved sound system along with background music when needed.

Pastor James Foley of New Life Assembly Church in South Barre gave a prayer of invoca-

tion. American Legion Post #2 Commander Mike Blaney read Governor Charles Baker's proclamation on Memorial Day. Gov. Baker said in the beginning of his proclamation, "Whereas while the nation was still recovering from the horrors of the Civil War, people in cities and towns across the country gathered to honor those Union and Confederate sol-

diers, who had given their lives, celebrating the first Decoration Day and Whereas, after World War I, the nation came together again to honor those who had fallen in the service of their country. Renamed Memorial Day, the last Monday in May is when people remember and

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Turley Publications Photos by Ellenor Downer

This couple looks at the Barre Civil War monument before the start of the annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday.



Members of American Legion Post #2, the Auxiliary, Barre Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts place wreaths on the several veterans' monuments on North Common, Barre during the Memorial Day ceremony.

## Select board meets to sign revised election warrant

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – The select board met May 20 for just less than 15 minutes to sign a revised town election warrant.

Town clerk Laurie Reed said Lauren Goldberg from KP Law got back to her on the error on the original town election warrant signed by the select board. The original warrant listed two three-year positions for the planning board. Three candidates took out nomination papers for those two positions. Reed said a glitch in the new software caused the error and she found out the mistake after the constable posted the original warrant. One of the planning board positions should be for a one-year term and was not listed.

Attorney Goldberg said voters would be electing only one five-year planning board position. The top vote getter of the three candidates would receive the position. The other position would be a failure to elect. The select board and planning board would meet to appoint the other position until the next town election June 2022. Attorney Goldberg said the two boards would need to give a one-week notice to announce the appointment of someone to a one-year planning board member. They did not have to appoint one of the other two candidates, who were on the town election ballot.

The three select board members present, Jeffrey Williams, Kris Pareago and Katie Young, voted to sign the revised warrant. The annual town election will be held Tuesday, June 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

In other business, the select board unanimously appointed Albert Alfonso as a constable.

## Board accepts agreement with Adroit Manufacturing LLC

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – At their meeting of Monday, May 24, SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp said they received the clean draft of the Host Community Agreement from Adroit Manufacturing, LLC, represented by Ralph Rogers. Rogers said the draft received from town counsel, "Is a document I would feel comfortable signing." The board reviewed the HCA and approved it effective as of Tuesday, May 25.

Gillespie Car Care Kemp asked Brian Gillespie, representing Gillespie Car Care, if he was seeking to amend his original application for a Class II license under Affordable Car Care. Gillespie said he has a business license for Gillespie Car Care, but does not have a dealer's license. He said the paperwork was supposed to be done by January, and he has

been calling each week since then. Kemp said she would consult with town counsel about the application.

Board of Health Agent Tex Sarabia said he has heard complaints that the business does not have proper sanitation facilities. Gillespie said there is now a sani-can located on the property. Sarabia said the sani-can needs to be permitted through the BOH and Gillespie agreed to rectify that issue immediately.

Kemp said she has heard issues about the number of cars located on the property exceeded the allotted amount. Gillespie said he cannot sell or dispose of the vehicles until his licensing issues with the town are resolved, saying the process has been held up for five months. Kemp said the paperwork she had was dated November of 2020. Gillespie produced paperwork from March of 2020, and

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## Sam Labarre passes Eagle Scout board of review



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Sam Labarre from Troop 144 in Oakham, second from left, is shown with members of his Eagle Scout board of review. He successfully passed his review.





# News of the Towns



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## Grandview to hold yard sale

A yard sale will be held by the Grandview Tenant's Association from 9 a.m. to noon at Grandview Terrace, 146 Ruggles Lane, Saturday, June 12. There are a variety of items available including puzzles and books. Rain date is Sunday June 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Rainbow for Girls takeout dinner**  
A take-out dinner sponsored by the Masonic Youth Organization, Barre Assembly #114, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will be held Saturday, June 12. Pick up time is noon Saturday, June 12 at the Mount Zion Masonic Temple, Pleasant Street, Barre. Meal options are a lobster roll for \$12 or chicken salad for \$8, both come with chips and dessert. All meals are to go and registration by June 4 is required to labadore\_7@msn.com.

**Golf tournament**  
The third annual Quabbin Baseball/Softball Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 12 at Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham to benefit the Quabbin Junior Varsity and Varsity baseball and softball teams. The 18-hole shotgun start tournament begins with check in at 7 a.m. and shotgun start at 8 a.m. Cost is \$320 per foursome. The cost includes cart, green fees, post golf lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and runner-up. Individual prizes include longest drive, closest to pin, male and female. There will be a hole in 1 contest with the prize a 2021 brand new Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4 courtesy of Guzik Motor Sales, Inc. and St. Germain Insurance, Inc. Registration deadline in June 5. People should mail registration with team member names, phone number and a check payable to Friends of Quabbin Baseball and Softball and mail to Kristine Wallace, 8 King Road, North Brookfield, MA 01535. People may email Kwai92@aol.com with questions.

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## Four veterans awarded Quilts of Valor



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Shown from left with their Quilts of Valor are Walter Churchey, Alan Bell, Ed Novak and Robert Mulhearn.

**HOLDEN** – Four veterans were awarded Quilts of Valor by Holden Grange during an outdoor event held at the Holden bandstand on May 17. With the assistance of the State Coordinator of the Quilt of Valor Foundation Theresa Perrault and Boy Scouts from Rutland's Troop 141, quilts were presented to Army veteran Ed Novak of Rutland, Marine Corp veterans Robert Mulhearn of Holden and Alan Bell of Rutland and Air Force veteran Walter Churchey of Sterling. Perrault explained the mission of the national foundation is "to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

Two quilts were pieced and bound by Grange members Cindy Mason and Carol Ann Keegan, with members of the Quilt of Valor group in Charlton stitching the layers with a longarm quilting machine and donating the other two comforters. The evening concluded with patriotic selections played on a bass flute by Collin Black, a member of Williamsburg Grange.

For more information on the Grange, people may email holdengrango78@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

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## Town election set for June 8

The annual town election will be held Tuesday, June 8. The poll will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

**Hubbardston Fair**  
The Hubbardston Fair would be held Saturday, June 12 with a rain date of Sunday, June 13 at the Curtis Recreation Field from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event would include vendors, jugglers, the National Guard and a band. Tacos, pulled pork and hotdogs as well as beer and ale from the Gardner Ale House would be available for purchase.

**Hubbardston Senior Center**  
The Hubbardston Senior Center is open and all activities are coming back. On Monday and Wednesday, there will be Coffee with Friends and Wii-Bowling from 9 to 11 a.m. Bingo resumed at 1:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday and Thursdays the Walk Club has picked up where they left. Walking 1-2 miles at 9 a.m. Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. the Singers are melodiously raising their voices again. MOC meal drive thru and eggs continues on Thursdays from 8:30 to noon. Cribbage is at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. Watercolor painting class is Friday's from 9 to 11 a.m. A few special events have also been planned. A jewelry making class will be held on June 15 at 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. People should call to reserve a spot. A bus trip to Foxwoods is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30. People should call 978-928-1400, extension 11 to sign up. The seniors will also be participating this year in the Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on June 26 and 27. All donations are welcome. If people need something picked up, call 978-928-1400, extension 211 to schedule a pick up appointment.

## Barre Food Pantry to hold distributions

**BARRE** – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur Wednesday June 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, June 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. Please note that the Wednesday morning distributions in 2021 are ending a half hour earlier than they have in the past, at 11:30 a.m.

The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning Wednesday, June 9 or in the evening on Thursday, June 17 whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the COVID-19 virus. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors is currently deliberating how to retain the best parts of their pandemic procedures and at the same time how to return to the best parts of their pre-covid practices, allowing clients more choice in the foods they receive at distribution.

As they have since last spring's distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, June 9 and June 17 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

While the pantry typically used to have an "all hands on deck" approach to welcoming volunteers, in June they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups. Volunteers should not arrive on June 9 or 17 without first contacting Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. Because conditions have been changing rapidly people should continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

## EQLT to host grassland bird monitoring

**HARDWICK** – East Quabbin Land Trust will host its annual grassland bird monitoring at Wendemuth Meadow and Mandell Hill Friday, June 4 at 8 a.m.

Participants may register at 413-477-8229 or EQLT@comcast.net. No experience is necessary and the sites are easy walking for all ages. They should bring binoculars and a camera, if they have them.

The monitoring begins at Wendemuth Meadow, located at 25 Bates St. in North Brookfield at 8 a.m. and then travel to Mandell Hill in Hardwick. It ends before 10 a.m.

## Barre Dining Center

**BARRE** — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of June 7. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

**MON.** – Chicken pot pie, red bliss potatoes, country blend vegetables, Lorna Doone cookies, biscuit

**TUES.** – Hot dog, baked beans, green beans, fresh orange, mustard

**WED.** – Stuff pepper casserole, mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, chocolate pudding, diet = sugar free chocolate pudding

**THURS.** – Turkey with supreme sauce, herb stuffing, jardiniere vegetables, fruited ambrosia

**FRI.** – Cranberry chicken salad, pasta salad, tomato and cuke salad, strawberries

\*Diabetic friendly dessert \*\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Finance Committee – June 3 at 6 p.m. and June 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
South Barre Common Advisory Committee – June 3 at 6 p.m.  
9/11 Memorial Development Committee – June 3 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – June 3 at 7 p.m. and June 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – June 8 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – June 8 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – June 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 14 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – June 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – June 14 at 7 p.m.  
Town Meeting – June 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – June 17 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – June 24 at 11 a.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Health – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – June 3 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – June 7 and June 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee – June 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – June 10 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – June 11 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – June 14 at 6 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – June 15 at 5:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – June 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 16 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – June 3 and July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – June 5 at 10 a.m.  
Council on Aging – June 9 at 6 p.m.  
Town Center Committee – June 17 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – June 29 and July 27 at 7 p.m.  
Historical Commission – July 3 at 10 a.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 6 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Petersham Historic District – June 3 at 5:30 p.m. and June 17 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 3 and June 17 at 7 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals – June 3 at 7 p.m.  
Selectboard – June 8 at 6 p.m.  
Council on Aging – June 9 at 10 a.m.  
Board of Assessors – June 11 at 9 a.m.  
Cemetery Commission – June 11 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 24 at 7 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – June 3 at 6 p.m.  
Annual Town Meeting – June 5 at 8 p.m.  
Community Outreach Meeting for Proposed Cultivation marijuana – June 8 at 6 p.m.  
Public Hearing Planning Board – June 8 at 6:40 p.m.  
Public Hearing Planning Board – June 8 at 6:55 p.m.

## Golf tournament benefits Quabbin baseball/softball

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People may also be a tournament sponsor. If interested, they should call or text Ann Marie St. Germain at 413-427-5162.

## Gobi amendment would reimburse lost funds to MassWildlife

BOSTON – Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus and past Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, successfully advocated for the inclusion of an amendment to the FY22 state budget aimed at addressing lost revenue that the state is failing to reimburse to the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife. The bipartisan amendment targets the nearly \$1 million/year the agency forfeits each year by providing free hunting and fishing licenses to residents aged over 70, which is not currently being reimbursed by the state and would ensure that these funds are appropriated annually from the General Fund. Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife (MassWildlife) provides free fishing and hunting licenses to residents over 70 years of age, but is not reimbursed for this loss in revenue. As a result, the agency is losing approximately \$1 million per year and that loss is expected to increase as the 70+ population continues to grow. At the same time, MassWildlife is reimbursed each year by the state to offset losses associated with discounted fishing and hunting licenses offered to people ages 65-69. This amendment would fix this inconsistency while simultaneously raising desperately-needed dedicated funds for this important agency, tasked with overseeing sportsmen and women’s activities while conserving and restoring critical habitat.

For more information on the amendment or budget process, people may contact Senator Gobi’s office by email at Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov.

## Hardwick

### Budget discussion continues between BOS and FinCom

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee to further discuss the Fiscal 2022 preliminary budget on Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

#### Gilbertville Public Library

Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Wolfe said she spoke with a trustee from the Gilbertville Public Library, and their expenses should be the same as the Paige Memorial Library, at \$24,847.90.

#### Building inspector

BOS Chair Kelly Kemp said she has an updated number for the building inspector. The town’s assessment for the regional building inspection services is \$17,785.71.

#### Dump monitoring

Lori Hoffman, who is covering some administrative duties for the town, said she spoke with Tex Sarabia about the cost of monitoring the old dump on Lower Road and adding it as a line item on the budget. The cost is \$11,000 a year and is a recurring expense. The dump monitoring was added under the

Board of Health budget.

#### Fire Department

Fire Chief Raymond Walker said there was only one increase on his proposed budget: fire expenses due to the rising cost of oil. He said the rest of his budget is level funded.

Walker said in his budget he included a request for \$8,000 is to replace nonfunctional hydrants along Route 32. He said four or five will need to be replaced, and he hopes to take care of two more each year. They fixed one by the Whistle Stop, but the rest of them in that line heading to Ware have issues.

SelectBoard Vice Chair Julie Quink asked Walker if he needed a warrant article for the generator grant. Walker said he did, and also an article for a fire truck if it goes through. The cost of the fire truck is \$1 million, of which the USDA would cover 35%. The town would be responsible for 5%. Walker said he hopes the grant will cover the remaining amount needed.

#### Cemetery mowing

Finance Committee Sam Jakshits asked if the board had reached out to the Highway Department yet about absorbing

some of the responsibilities of the cemetery caretaker. Kemp said Highway Superintendent Marty Gryszowka is shorthanded now and the mowing is too much for his department to take on. Kemp said Gryszowka agreed to cover the burials and monuments. They are currently waiting on mowing bids. Wolfe said they are lacking mowing equipment too.

#### Other financial items

Quink said they also have two accounting bills they have to deal with, totaling \$50,000. One of the bills is an fiscal 2020 bill and needs to be a warrant item. The other is an fiscal 2021 bill, which will have to be dealt with.

Julie Murkette, who oversees the website and Facebook for the town, said she has been charging \$75 a month for her services, which covers about 16 hours on average. With the pandemic, her hours have increased to about 20. Murkette said she is also proofreading zoning bylaws and doing the maps for the assessors too. Murkette said she sent an invoice (she sends two a year) in February and has not been paid yet.

## Redevelopment of Gilbertville mill proposed

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Representatives from the proposed cannabis establishment, Hardwick Mill Greenery, 94 Main St., Gilbertville, hosted a Community Outreach Meeting with residents, town officials and State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer. Hardwick Mill Greenery is seeking retail adult use, cultivation, manufacturing and transportation marijuana licensing with the town.

Attorney Brain Palmucci introduced principal owner George Lang, a real estate developer with 30 years of experience in the restaurant industry. Lang worked his way up from a dishwasher to a restaurant owner and has spent the past seven years pursuing real estate development. He also introduced Dan LaFrance, a professional engineer from Fuss & O’Neill, who has worked on many historic sites, including 94 Main St. for a previous development plan, and David Wluka, Realtor and planning consultant, who is assisting with developing the business.

#### Redevelopment plan

LaFrance showed images of the mill building when it was



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This architectural rendering shows how the mill, located at 94 Main St., would look after redevelopment as Hardwick Mill Greenery. The Gilbertville mill complex would house a cannabis establishment as well as various other businesses.

in its prime. “This is a very old property...we are looking to keep the history of the building alive,” he said. Their goal is to reuse what is already there in an adaptive way, LaFrance said. The gravel lot between the mill and the river will be used as a parking area with 43 parking spots, complete with landscaping and an overlook of the river.

The road will remain similar in design and traffic flow, with the North Street access being one way and the Main Street access being two way. There

will be 20 overflow parking spots beyond the loading dock to the rear of the mill. ADA compliant parking will be located in front of the mill.

The mill will be divided into three primary buildings: Mill #1 is the back end and left side, which is the largest building with the peaked roof, closest to the river; the Carter Building, the right side of the mill bordering Gagne’s Garage; and the Office Building, which faces the

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## Oakham

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## BOH to hold clean up and recycling day

The Oakham Board of Health will sponsor a clean up and recycling day Saturday, June 12, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to noon behind the highway and fire department building. People may clean up roads around town and/or get rid of unwanted junk around the house dispose of medical sharps in a safe way (illegal and unsafe in trash) and dispose of unwanted medications in a safe, secure and environmentally conscious disposal. They may also donate redeemable bottles and cans to the Oakham Cub Scouts. The following items may be dropped off for a fee: truck tires \$25 each, car tire \$8 each, television \$15, air conditioner/dehumidifier \$10 each, VCR or microwave \$5 each and propane tank \$8. People should make checks payable to Dumpster Services for fee items. People may email questions to boh@oakham-ma.gov or call 508-882-4069.

#### Farmers’ market

A farmers’ market will be held Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon on Wright Memorial Field, Ware Corner Road, now through Sept. 5.

#### Church golf tournament

Last year the annual Oakham Congregational Robert Tyck Memorial Golf Tournament was not held due to COVID-19. This year it will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 in the afternoon at Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham. More information will be available later.

#### Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold in person Sunday worship at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School as it is Family and Communion Sunday.

## Catnip Junkies to perform at Nornay Park

SOUTH BARRE – Saturday, June 5 the Catnip Junkies will be playing an all ages concert in the gazebo at Nornay Park from 6-8 p.m. People are invited to come out to sing and dance along with New England’s premier New Orleans-inspired party band.

Spouses, Beth and Mike Sylvia, originally founded the Catnip Junkies. Over the past five years, the band evolved and expanded to eight members including a dancer, horn section, upright bass and Sousaphone. There is Ragtime era meets Southern jazz meets Bourbon Street celebration in every Catnip Junkies concert.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Barre Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



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Opinion

Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Should My Wife Wait Until Age 70 to Claim?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I'm 74 and receiving my Social Security benefits. My wife is 68, and we are delaying her benefits until she's 70. But I read an article about a wife receiving half of her husband's benefit, which makes me wonder if my wife waiting is smart. Please let me know your thoughts. Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering: Your wife waiting until she is 70 to claim her own Social Security retirement benefit may be a smart move, but only if her age 70 benefit will be more than the benefit she is already entitled to as your spouse. Her benefit as your spouse is 50% of the benefit you were entitled to at your full retirement age (66). She would get that 50% because she has already reached her own full retirement age (FRA), but your wife's spousal benefit doesn't grow beyond what she's entitled to at her FRA. Her own Social Security retirement benefit, however, grows by .667% per month until she is 70, at which point it reaches maximum (32% more than her FRA benefit amount). So, the question is, which will be higher: her spouse benefit, or her age 70 benefit? If the answer is her spousal benefit, then she should claim that now. But if the answer is her age 70 benefit, waiting until she is 70 makes more sense.

There is, however, another option which would work even better if your wife's own benefit at age 70 will be her highest. Since you are already collecting, and because your wife was born in 1953, she is eligible to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only." Doing so would allow her to collect her 50% spouse benefit from you now, while still allowing her own Social Security retirement benefit to grow to maximum at age 70. That would give your wife half of your FRA benefit amount each month, while she simultaneously maximizes her own Social Security retirement benefit. Then at age 70, when her personal benefit reaches maximum, she can switch to her own higher benefit. I suggest that your wife get a Statement of Estimated Benefits from Social Security to determine if her age 70 benefit will be higher than her spouse benefit. If so, she can file the "restricted application for spouse benefits only" and then simply wait until she is 70 to switch from her spouse benefit to her own higher benefit (32% more than her FRA amount).

Note that this "restricted application for spouse benefits only" option is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954, but is still available to your wife because she was born before that. Unless her spousal benefit will be her highest, I suggest that your wife file the "restricted application for spouse benefits only" which will give her 50% of your FRA benefit amount (including COLA awarded since then). She should also ask for 6 months retroactive spouse benefits since she was eligible to do this at her FRA.

The easiest way for your wife to get her Statement of Estimated Benefits is by using her personal "My Social Security" online account. If she doesn't yet have an online account with Social Security, it is easy to create one at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. She will need that account anyway to apply for her benefits online, which is by far the most efficient way to apply.

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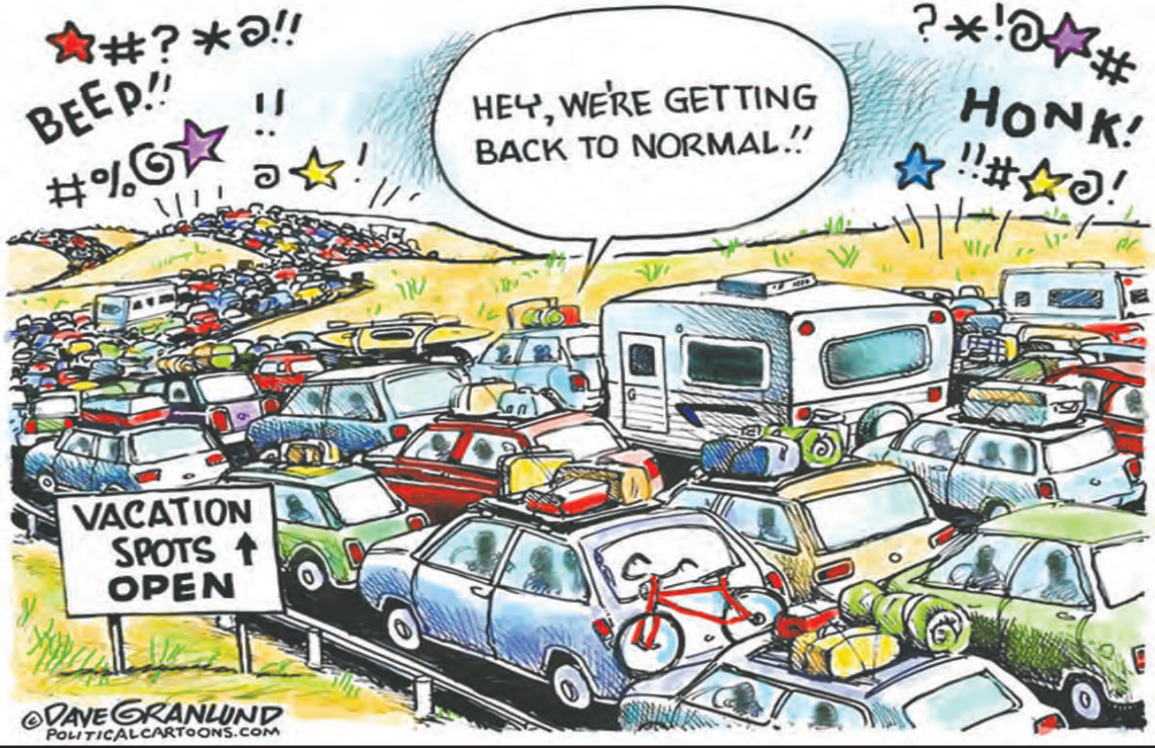
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AMERICA OPENS UP



In Past Pages

5 years ago (June 9, 2016)

Cause for Paws will be holding its second annual community dog wash on Saturday, June 18 from noon-4 p.m. on the lawn of the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St. A group of volunteers will wash, dry and brush people's dogs while they sit back and relax. It is going to be a fun day for both dogs and owners and as a bonus, they get to go home with a clean dog. Dogs must stay on a leash. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per wash. All proceeds go directly to Cause for Paws, a non-profit organization that distributes pet food to people at the Barre Food Bank, who have difficulty affording food for their pets.

It took a few extra minutes for the town of Petersham to reach a quorum to proceed with its special town meeting that was immediately followed by the annual town meeting. Moderator Bart Wendell explained that Petersham had one of the highest quorum number, 10 percent of registered voters.

The Hubbardston Agricultural Commission's Farm Tour Day will be held Sunday, June 12 from noon-4:30 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine so people should dress appropriately. The tour includes five Hubbardston Farms: Ladybug Farm, Friendly Farm, High Meadow Farm, Greenland Farm and Plain View Farm.

10 years (June 9, 2011)

Neil R. Anders and Travis Zimmerman of the Energy Advisory Committee reported to the three Board of Selectmen Monday night about the process to become a "Green Community." Currently, there are 51 towns and cities that are already designated as "Green." They are in the process of completing the criteria for Barre to become one. Zimmerman said that if Barre became a "Green Community" it would qualify for federal grant money. The committee is presently completing an inventory of energy use in town buildings that provides a baseline and is one of the five criteria. The town then must reduce its energy consumption by 20%. Zimmerman said by replacing boilers, pumps and motors with energy efficient ones should easily reduce energy consumption by at least 20%.

As part of the statewide mobilization, Fire Chief L. Thomas McCaffrey III said that he and other EMTs responded to a request for the Oakham ambulance in Ware following tornados that caused considerable damage in the city of Springfield and several towns including Westfield, Agawam, Wilbraham, Monson, Brimfield and Sturbridge. From Ware, the town's ambulance went to Palmer and did respond to an accident call in Wilbraham. He said they were teamed up with the Barre ambulance and other towns that responded to the mobilization request. Oakham Police Chief Fred Gehring and Officers Fran Mardirosan, Mike Morrison and Mike Sweet went to Brimfield to help there following Wednesday's

LOOK BACK

George L. Thorng American Legion Post 404- 1974



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Wendy Thompson and Melody Salvadore decorate artillery howitzer with the Bicentennial color scheme, red white and blue at the George L. Thorng American Legion Post 404.

tornado.

The Quabbin Community Band opens their much anticipated summer series on Sunday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Harding Allen Bandstand, on the Barre Common when they welcome local audiences back with a festive Father's Day program, featuring numerous upbeat selections, as well as a couple of pieces included to pay homage tot he many fathers in attendance.

25 years (June 6, 1996)

Every two years the All-Eastern Music Festival is held. This highly prestigious high school music festival selects the best musicians from the All-State Music Festivals that take place all along the Eastern seaboard. Recommendations from this spring's all-state festivals will be compiled and further selected to come up with the all-Eastern choral, band and orchestra members, who will participate in this fall's festival Quabbin Regional High School in Barre had one nominee fro the 1996 All-Eastern Festival this year: Ellen Kittredge, a sophomore French horn player.

On Monday evening over the next few months, the Barre Board of Assessors will visit homes throughout town to update property records. Moving from neighborhood to neighborhood, the assessors will call upon all houses on a street, which have not been recently visited. Visits should take 15 to 25 minutes. The assessors will carry identification, will visit during daylight hours and will inform the police dispatcher of their location. If the weather is bad, a visit may be conducted on another night that week. The state mandates the periodic re-inspection of properties as apart of the tax rate certification process.

John Meilus, chairman of the Barre Board of Assessors, has been appointed to the technical advisory committee of the Farm Land and Open Space Assessment Board. Meilus and two others, one from the Cape and the islands and one from western Massachusetts, will meet regularly with the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to review farmland assessment. Meilus, now retired, was a former dairy farmer in Barre.

38 years (June 9, 1983)

A total of 110 scholarships valued at \$122,105 next year with a value of more than \$400,000 over a four-year period have been accumulated by 46 members of the Class of 1983 at Quabbin Regional High School. Valedictorian Mark Raffier, spoke at graduation ceremony held at Quabbin Regional High School Saturday.

The Quabbin Athletic Department held its spring banquet Monday evening, May 23, to honor those student athletes participating the spring program. Certificates were awarded to all J.V. participants in track, golf, baseball and softball. Letter award were presented to all Varsity athletes. Most Valuable Player trophies were presented to senior Drew Stratton in baseball, senior Mary Waterman in softball and senior David Bolduc in track. A special award was presented to Varsity Baseball Coach Mike Dymon in recognition of his 200th baseball victory while coaching at Quabbin.

Dr. Raymond B. Crawford attended his 50th reunion at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His class won the Class of 1917 attendance cup with 55% attendance.

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I really don't know what to talk about this week as it has been very dull around here. No exciting things have happened.

Yesterday, Missy returned her sewing projects and is doing something with buttons and socks. Anyway, I saw some button jars in a box on the edge of the bottom shelf of the cupboard. I just had to see if I could pull out one of those small bottles. Wow, success, the small buttons rolled out of the bottle quickly and scattered all over the floor under the sewing table. Whee, this is fun batting them everywhere.

I hope Missy doesn't come home too soon, as I am having too much fun. Whoops, I hear her coming so I will dart downstairs to the cellar as I saw that door open this morning. Master has been doing something there with three different boxes. I need to check them out and see if I can get into one of them. The first box has a lot of nuts and bolts in it, which don't interest me. The second box has little pieces of wood, sawdust and nails. I wonder what he was going to do with that stuff. The third box was larger and had pieces of cloth that I guess Master was planning to use to polish the little table he just finished making.

Anyway, I decided that would be a good place for a nap and out of Missy's sight for awhile. It was nice and soft in there and I fell asleep quickly. The next thing I heard was "Gertrude, where are you?"

Oh boy, I am in for it now. I took my time about going upstairs and was fortunate I didn't get a scolding. It seems Missy's friend was here with her cat and I had to entertain it. We were friends so we just rubbed sides and then played with the farm set that was out.

Stay healthy folks and enjoy the nice weather. Love, Gertrude



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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

After three days of rain, I think we have had enough for the gardens and lawns. I hope things continue to grow as well once the sun comes out. I missed another week at the flea market.

I made strawberry shortcake for dessert today and had a tossed salad, which included a radish from the veggie garden.

Here is the recipe that I mentioned my friend Nancy made for me and Roberta when we visited her in N.H.

### APPLE SPICE MUFFINS

1 1/3 cup flour  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon cloves  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon allspice

1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup salad oil  
2 beaten eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups chopped fine apples with the peels  
1/2 cup raisins or currants  
1/2 cup nuts

Mix all the liquids together and then the flour and dry ingredients. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes and makes 18 muffins. You can use muffin papers.

Apples are almost always available in the stores and this is another quick dessert.

### SWEDISH APPLE PIE

Fill a pie plate 2/3 full of sliced and peeled apples. Sprinkle with a tablespoon of sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon. In a small bowl mix 3/4 cup melted butter, 1 cup sugar, 1

cup flour and one egg and 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Pour over the apples and bake for 350 degrees for 45 minutes. May be served with a dollop of whipped cream, Cool Whip or vanilla ice cream.

### This and That

I recently was sent a test of what I could remember from the 1950s. I knew the answers on the tip of my tongue of the 20 questions but only got six right. The problem now is names are my problem of remembering. Events I can remember. One of the questions was one of the big fads of the late 1950s and 1960s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the ?? The answer will be in next week's paper. Another one was remember LS/MFT???

Have a good week.

## MEMORIAL DAY

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honor the memory of all the men and women, who fought and died in all American wars and conflicts."

Senator Gobi said it was wonderful to be out and about and said the Common looked fantastic thanks in part to the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. Rep. Berthiaume said Barre never disappointed when it came to taking care of its veterans.

The Navy hymn played as the principal speaker Captain Daniel Brennock, U.S. Navy (retired) took to the podium. Captain Brennock talked about service and sacrifice. He said General Edward Cavazos, the first four star general of Hispanic decent talked about the sacrifice of Captain Henry Waskow during WW II. Capt. Brennock's said several individuals including

some cadets in the NJROTC program at Quabbin Regional High School would read the names of those in Barre, who died in the Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War.

Commander Mike Blaney read the list of Barre veterans, who passed away from June 1, 2020 to June 2021. They were: David M. Dougan, Guy T. Coppolino, Paul J. Cote, John Ruddy Jr., John Cutting and Peter O'Connor Jr.

NJROTC Cadet Summer Barringer recited the Gettysburg Address remarks made by President Abraham Lincoln at the dedication of the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg in November 19, 1863. She then read the list of Civil War dead from Barre.

Commander Blaney recited the poem "In Flanders Fields" by Dr. John McCrae written to honor his friend Lt. Alexis Helmer, killed in WWI. He then read the names of Barre's World War I dead.

NJROTC Cadet Roman Cerezo read the poem "We Remember Them." He then read the names of Barre's World War II dead.

NJROTC Cadet Madison Whitney read "The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak." Leif Erickson, a Vietnam Veteran, recited a poem and then read the name of Barre's only Vietnam War era death, Edward Cormier.

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary with assistance from Barre Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts placed wreaths on the four war memorials on North Common beginning with the Civil War Monument and ending with the Vietnam War monument as "American Elegy" played.

Post #2 firing squad then fired their guns. Joe Orszulak and Steve Aliquo played "Taps." Post #2 chaplain gave the benediction to end the ceremony.

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# North Brookfield

## Omasta and Ryel win School Committee seats

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Seventeen percent of the registered voters in town cast votes at the annual town election on Monday, May 3. The only contests on the ballot were for the positions of School Committee and Board of Health.

Securing three-year seats on the School Committee were Christie Omasta with 328 votes and Ronald Ryel with 325 votes. Incumbent Elisabeth Melad received 287 votes, while write-in candidate Chris Hickman received 162. One hundred and fifty-eight ballots were left blank. School Committee Vice-Chair Ruth Honthumb did not seek re-election.

Douglas Borowski received the majority of the votes for a three-

year term on the Board of Health with 349 votes. Justine Floria received 211 votes, and 70 ballots were left blank.

A non-binding question on the ballot, "Shall the Town of North Brookfield vote to keep the American Indian Chief as the official Town Mascot for North Brookfield and the public school system?" received 401 "yes" votes, 168 "no" votes, and 61 ballots were left blank.

The remaining, uncontested results of the election are as follows: Selectman for a three-year term, incumbent John Tripp received 454 votes; Board of Assessors for a three-year term, Lene Guertin with 481 votes; Planning Board for a five-year term, Michelle Petraitis with 429 votes; Water Commissioners

for a three-year term, incumbent Tim Nason with 498 votes; Water Commissioner for a two-year term, James Grace with 497 votes; Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term, write-in candidate Mary E. Kularski with 29 votes; Library Trustee for a three-year term (three positions), incumbent Harbour Fraser Hodder with 483 votes, incumbent Thomas Skowron with 462 votes and incumbent Ellen Smith with 509 votes; Playground Committee for a three-year term, incumbent Michael Doe with 494 votes; Housing Authority for a five-year term, write-in candidate Darlene Lavin with 12 votes; and Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District for a three-year term, incumbent James Caldwell with 489 votes.

## Haston Library lists upcoming events

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Let's draw animals sponsored by the Haston Free Public Library with Rick Stonoski will be held at 6 p.m., via ZOOM on Tuesday, June 8. Children will learn to draw a variety of furry, hooved and feathered friends in this fun program. Space is limited. To register for these programs, people may call the library at 508-867-0208. Saturday, June 19 at 10 a.m., Haston library, 161 North Main St. will hold an in person program with

Dan Steininger, LEGO Master

Builder. Dan Steininger (former LEGO Master Builder) has spent the last 24 years working at a dream job building with LEGO bricks. He was one of only eight Master Builders in the world employed by the LEGO Company. Dan has built thousands of LEGO creations over the years and traveled throughout the world doing LEGO Building Events and sharing his love for LEGO with over a million adults and children. Participants will learn how Dan became a LEGO Master Builder, the process of building large-

scale models and how LEGO can change lives. His program will use demonstrations, audience participation and Dan's wacky sense of humor. This program is designed for 7-12 year olds, but others will enjoy the show as well. Space is limited. To register for this program, people should call the library at 508-867-0208. These programs are supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Haston's summer reading program gearing up

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library is planning lots of fun activities for the summer reading program's theme: Tails and Tales.

It will start with the ZOOM program, "Let's

Draw Animals" with Rick Stromoski. If children are interested in being part of our Summer Reading program, they should call the library at 508-867-0208, or stop by the Children's Library to register.

Also coming this summer will be Dan Steininger, a Lego Master Builder, on June 19, at 10 a.m., and Henry the Juggler, on July 17, at 10 a.m. Both events will be held in the Children's Library,

## HUBBARDSTON

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husband moved to town three years ago. She said she enjoyed fishing, mountain biking and worked as a town administrator in three communities, most recently as interim town administrator in Barre. She said there was a delicate balance between strong school system and the municipalities' ability to pay. She said she currently is COA director in Wellesley. She said several boards in town run with less than full number of members.

The resident, who posed the first question to Williams, asked her what would she do about the lawsuit? She said she had a background as an attorney and the select board had town counsel and the town administrator to make sure they did things right.

She was asked how she would reach out to the community especially seniors. She said in Wellesley, the oldest resident was 111 and some in their 60s were

still working. She said it was important to find different ways to communicate as not everyone has Internet or cable access.

The third candidate for select board, Peter Walker, 25 Muskegee Avenue, said he was running for select board because of his strong work ethic. He retired and wanted to become more involved and joined the economic development committee. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and retired from Massachusetts Correction after serving 20 years and received the rank of captain. He was also the union steward. He said he was a strong believer in honesty, transparency. He said most town employees received a 3% raise and thought the amount "extreme for the times were are in." He said the town administrator negotiates the union contracts and his raise was based on the raises the others get. He said it was a "conflict of interest."

In answer to the question the resident asked all the other candidates, he said he would look into

the situation if elected.

Planning board candidates spoke next. Three candidates were on the ballot for one position, a five-year term: John DeMalia, Jr., 243 Gardner Road and incumbent; Kristofer Munroe, 59 Grimes Road and Peter Jefts, 11 Main St.

Candidate John De Malia, Jr. did not speak. Kristofer Munroe spoke first. He said the select board appointed him to the planning board in December 2020 until the town election. He said the planning board had two major issues before them: the extension of the rate of development by law for one year and creating a Master Plan. He said the community and planning board needed to work together on the Master Plan. The planning board would be sending out a survey to residents and he asked residents to complete the survey. He said he was excited to be working on the Master Plan. He said he brings all his experience as an attorney and urged residents to vote for him on June 8.

A resident asked if he would support a five-year rate of growth extension. Without the extension of the rate of growth bylaw, there would be no restriction on the number of building permits. Munroe said he wanted to comply with the law and make sure the town had a reasonable by law.

Peter Jefts said he moved to Hubbardston in the early 1994. He graduated from Clark University and previously worked for Boston and Worcester libraries. He was an information specialist and later software. He said he was a member of the historical society and did research on the man instrumental in founding Hubbardston. He served on the planning board from 2011 to 2014 and on the Community Preservation Committee. He said his goal was to achieve a level one certificate the Citizen's Planning Coalition; the town would get credit for a member having the certificate. He said he was running because he knew the town very well, lived in town 27

years and had experience on the planning board.

A resident asked why he didn't run again back in 2014. He said the planning board could be a "contentious board" and difficult to be on the planning board.

The two candidates: Connie Strittmatter, 98 Old Westminster Road and Thomas F. Robinson, 5 Brigham St. for two positions on the trustees of pubic library also spoke. Both candidates were up for re-election.

Connie Strittmatter said she was a librarian. She said she helped develop a strategic plan for the library. She said the library was a place where anybody of any age could come. She said the trustees were working on the accessibility of the library.

Thomas Robinson said he was a mechanical engineer and enjoyed doing physical plant projects for the library. He urged people to support two article on the annual town warrant – one for interior work and the other exterior work on the library. He

said the interior work included replacing storm windows, safety lights and American Disability Act issues. Peter Walker asked why the library was dealing with emergency lighting when code had been around for a long time.

Also on the ballot, but not participating were Jeffrey Young, 86 Ragged Hill Road, incumbent one position for three-year term to board of assessors and Pamela Holland Henning, 22 New Templeton Road, incumbent three-year term cemetery commission. Positions with no candidates included: three-year term board of health, two positions for three-year terms Quabbin Regional School District Committee, three-year term finance committee, housing authority for five-year term, four-year term, three-year term and two-year term and a three-year term park commissioner.

The annual town election will be held Tuesday, June 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

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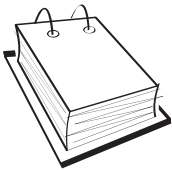
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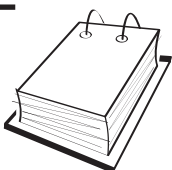
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**Sunday Brunch Buffet June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**





# Calendar of Events



**THURSDAY, JUNE 3**

CONNECTING WITH THE LAND with representative from the North Country Land Trust will be held at the Gardner Museum from 7-8 p.m. The talk will be accompanied by a slideshow showcasing local photographers and displaying some of Gardner’s nature and wildlife. Reservation is required by calling 978-632-3277 or going to [infor@gardnermuseuminc.com](mailto:infor@gardnermuseuminc.com). Admission for non-member adults is \$3.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

ORDERS DUE FOR TAKE-OUT DINNER sponsored by the Masonic Youth Organization, Barre Assembly #114, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls are due today. Pick up time is noon on Saturday, June 12 at the Mount Zion Masonic Temple, Pleasant Street, Barre. Meal options are a lobster roll for \$12 or chicken salad for \$8, both com with chips and dessert. All meals are to go and registration is required to [labadore\\_7@msn.com](mailto:labadore_7@msn.com).

PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET will be held on the Petersham Common, Rte. 32, Petersham Friday afternoons from 3-6 p.m. Today East Quabbin Land Trust will offer youth activities at the market.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5**

BARRE FARMERS’ MARKET will be held Saturdays now through October on South Common in Barre from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features local farmers, crafters and more.

TRI-PARISH PLANT SALE will be held on Hardwick Common, Rte. 32, in Hardwick Center today and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Besides plants the event includes a bake, craft and tag sale. Proceeds benefit the Tri-Parish Community Church.

PAIGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE will be held today and tomorrow, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common St., Hardwick. There will be lots of books with many fresh new titles for sale by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library. People may call 413-477-6704 or email [Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) for more information.

ANNUAL SPRING SHOW sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society will be held today and tomorrow, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Princeton Senior and Community Center, 206 Worcester Road. The show is free and open to the public.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

OAKHAM FARMERS’ MARKET will be held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon at Wright Memorial

## Where is this?



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This week’s mystery photo is from Hardwick. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 7. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Rosemary Horan, Evelyn Luukko, Lisa Rollins and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. Last week’s photo was the World War I monument on North Common in Barre.

Field, Ware Corner Road, Oakham now through Sept. 5.

the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

HUBBARDSTON FAIR would be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Curtis Recreation Field, Rte. 68. Rain date would be Sunday, June 13. There will be food, vendors and musical entertainment.

YARD SALE will be held by the Grandview Tenant’s Association from 9 a.m. to noon at Grandview Terrace, 146 Ruggles Lane, Barre,. There is a variety of items available including puzzles and books. Rain

date is Sunday June 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

FRIENDS OF STONE CHURCH CONCERT Summer Swing by the Weir River Jazz will be held today from 2-4 p.m. on the lawn at the Stone Church (Gilbertville Trinitarian Church), Rte. 32, Gilbertville. The concert is free and supported in part by the Mass Cultural Council grant. People are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Refreshments will be available.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

PLANTS FOR AND WELLNESS with herbalist Kim Fitzgerald will be held at the Gardner Museum from 7-8 p.m. She will share her knowledge of local medicinal and edible plants and how to identify them. People will learn medicinal uses for herbs and spices most people can find in their spice rack and are commonly found in people’s herb gardens for culinary use.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society and the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library will be held from 5-8 p.m. on the Hardwick Common. People should ring blankets or chairs and a picnic. The Otters sponsored by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council will entertain with music.. There will be hot dogs, root beer floats with ice cream from Rondeau’s Dairy Bar and cookies for purchase. Materials will be available for craft projects. People may dress for the event in tie-dye clothes and wear flowers in their hair.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

CENTRAL MAS. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will host a Zoom meeting with David Vermette entitled “Another Boarder: The Reception of French-Canadians in New England.” Visitors are welcome to participate. People may go to [www.cmgs.org](http://www.cmgs.org) for more information. Two million New Englanders are French-Canadian or Acadian descendants and yet they remain among the region’s least known historic communities. Vermette’s talk will place these late 19th and early 20th century immigrants to the U.S. in an historical context that includes the early French presence in North America; the events after the Civil War that drew them to the region, particularly into the textile industry; and the little-known story of the opposition and conspiracy-mongering they faced when they arrived. Vermette’s talk will expose immigration and labor history with surprising resonance for today. Membership is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple per year, January to December. People wishing to join should mail a check CMGS, P.O. Box 811 Westminster, MA 01473.

## Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update

As of June 3, 2021, the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility will close.

All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

We value and appreciate your ongoing trust in Baystate Health.

For more information on the closure of the satellite emergency facility and alternative options for patient care, please visit [BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion](https://BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion)

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MOC COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT JUNE 2021						
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7	8 Miss Martha's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	9 Miss Kathy's Playgroup 10:00 68 Coleman St., Gardner (Weather Permitting)	10 Houghton Field, Otter River Templeton 6-7 PM	11 Miss Paula's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	12 Miss Paula's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	13 Enjoy time w/ dad, grandpa, uncle or that special person in your life, making a hard... easier together!
14 MOC CFCE Early Education Advisory Meeting 10 AM Virtual	15 Story Time @ Wood's Library, Barre 10:00 (outdoors, weather permitting)	16 Miss Kathy's Playgroup 10:00 Gardner (Weather Permitting) Coleman St., Gardner 5-6 PM	17 Miss Paula's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	18 Planting & Painting w/ Miss Kathy @ Westminster Farmers Market 3-6 pm	19 The Great Escape: Dinosaur Tag	20 The Great Escape: Dinosaur Tag
21 Happy Father's Day!	22 Miss Martha's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	23 Miss Kathy's Playgroup 10:00 Gardner (Weather Permitting)	24 We ask that each family fill out an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a great tool to gauge your child's development. Its fast and easy! You can fill it out online! <a href="https://www.aquonline.com/family-activities">https://www.aquonline.com/family-activities</a>	25 Miss Paula's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	26 Miss Paula's Virtual Playgroup 10:00	27 Miss Paula's Virtual Playgroup 10:00
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removal overtime and part-time accounts and using \$1,000 from free cash for Wachusett Greenways.

Clark and Marshall also approved wage authorizations for Anthony Simon and Lisa Westling of \$20.99 hourly rate as first step full-time police officers as recommended by police chief John Carbone. They approved wage authorizations of \$18.82 hourly rate for first year part-time patrols for two officers. There hours will vary.

Selectman chair O’Sullivan arrived and the board reviewed the remaining articles 13 through 30. He said article 13 for a new police cruiser should be in the police budget as a cruiser was a yearly purchase. The board concurred. The next article for a fire chief vehicle remained as a separate article as it was not a yearly expense. Other

articles included \$50,000 for a generator at Ruggles Lane Elementary School and \$60,000 for town hall roof.

Many articles on the warrant were by law changes and included new sections. The planning board received a grant to update zoning bylaws and this was the result. Selectman Marshall recommended holding a joint meeting with the planning board prior to the Tuesday, June 15 Annual Town Meeting to have the planning board offer their explanation on these bylaws. The bylaw articles included: to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section 140-33 Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ); to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-34 Rural Siting Principles; to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section, 140-35 Driveways, Common Driveways and Flexible Frontage;

to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section, 140-36 Accessory Apartments and to amend the Code of the Town of Barre by adding a new section, 140-37 Rate of Development Bylaw. Chair O’Sullivan said he did not think selectmen should attend other board meetings.

Another article recommended by vice-chair Clark would change board of selectmen to select board. Two articles related to the moderator and one would change the moderator term from one-year to three-years and the other would update wording regarding town meeting in the general bylaw. Another article at the request of the landowner would change two parcels from limited business to general residential.

The board of selectmen voted to go into executive session regarding collective bargaining and non-union contracts. They came out to adjourn.

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# SPORTS

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## Track success continues



Emma Masser gets her throw off.



Quabbin track has been back in action since the beginning of May.

BARRE – Both the Quabbin Regional High School boys and girls track meets have had very successful campaigns during the past few weeks. The girls are now 3-0 heading into their final meet. Five girls competed at relays in the cold rain last Saturday. Toni Sacramone (shot

put), Maddie Breuer (triple jump (5th), 4x200, sprint medley), Riley Rischitelli (4x200, sprint medley), Leah Baxter (long jump (6th), 4x200, sprint medley) and Natalia Marchand (4x200, sprint medley). The 4x200 team won the event and broke the 2011 school record, previously

held by Dylan Baker, Haley Bardin, Haley Crockett and Tove Freeman by a full second. The distance for the sprint medley was new this year for the girls. Breuer, Rischitelli, Baxter and Marchand came in second and ran a strong time for future teams to strive to break.



Owen Fauhla throws the javelin.



Brianna Earle makes an attempt at the discus.



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Track meets have been limited to just two teams instead of tri and quad meets.

## Mutiny pick up first win

LUDLOW – On May 22, the Mutiny won its first game of the season with the help of a lot of offense. The Mutiny defeated Connecticut Rush 6-1. Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, and Lily Fabian, of Monson, had goals. Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, provided an assist in the win.



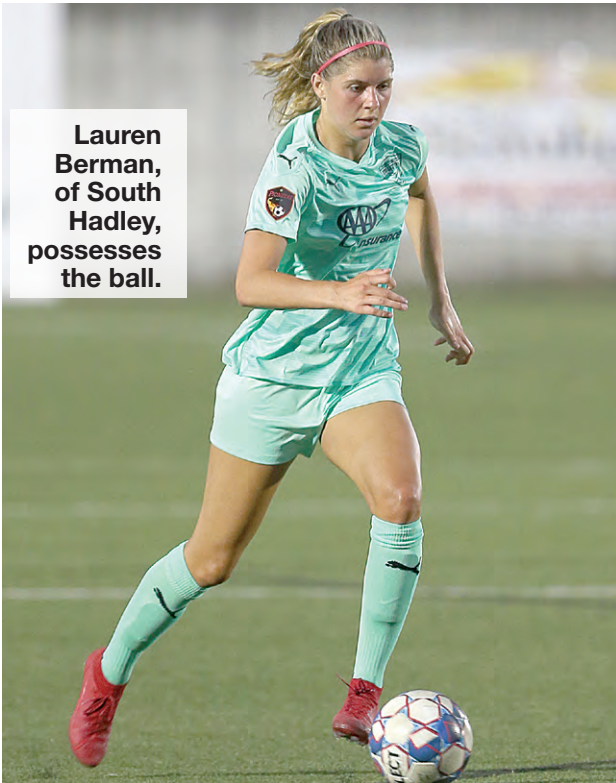
Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Lily Fabian, of Monson, goes for the header.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, looks to deke around an opponent.



Charlotte Maurer passes the ball away.



Lauren Berman, of South Hadley, possesses the ball.



Jessica Mazo attempts a shot on goal.

## Pathfinder edged by Franklin Tech

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—The only two seniors playing for Pathfinder this year are Thomas Swift and Jordan Talbot.

They were honored, along with senior team manager Anthony Serricchio, in a ceremony held prior to the start of last Thursday night's home game versus Franklin County Tech.

A couple of hours later, the Pioneers nearly capped off senior night by celebrating an extra innings victory.

The Pioneers came back from an early 3-0 deficit to tie the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the second inning. They also trailed, 7-3, before tying the score once again at 7-7 with two outs in the fifth inning. The game remained tied until the top of the eighth. That's when Franklin Tech pushed across the go-ahead run and they enjoyed the trip back to Turners Falls following an 8-7 win.

Not very much has gone the Pioneers (1-9) way so far this season.

"We haven't been able to put everything together in a game so far this season," Talbot said. "It was looking like we had finally put it all together in tonight's game, but we just couldn't finish it in the end. This was a tough game to lose."

Swift, who's a righthander, was

the Pioneers starting pitcher on senior night, while Talbot was the starting catcher.

"Coming into tonight's game, I wanted Jordan to be my catcher because we've worked very well together," Swift said. "It has been a lot of fun playing on the same baseball team with him the past couple of years. It was also nice celebrating senior night together."

Talbot, who was the winning pitcher in the Pioneers only victory against Gateway, replaced Swift on the mound with one out in the fifth inning against Franklin Tech.

"The game plan was for me to start the game and then have Jordan follow me as a relief pitcher," Swift said. "It was pretty cool having the only two seniors on the team pitch on senior night."

Talbot and Swift have known each other since they were eighth graders at the Jabish Middle School in Belchertown.

Talbot is a Belchertown resident, while Swift was a school choice student from Ware as an eighth grader. They were both freshman members of the Pathfinder varsity baseball team the following year.

"Tommy and I have built a very good friendship during the past several years," said Talbot, who was also a member of the football and boys' varsity basketball team during his high school athletic career.

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## Quabbin league action

SOUTH HADLEY – The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League has gotten underway with the season beginning in early May. The league was shut down for the 2020 season due to the pandemic. Last Sunday, one of the games saw the Cardinals defeating the Braves 18-3. The league features six teams playing Sunday morning games each week.



Braves pitcher Cam McCorison snaps off a curveball.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Anthony Maspo fields a grounder.



The Braves' Dave Warner makes a throw to first.



Cardinals pitcher Gary Paradise delivers a pitch.



Education

Massachusetts Envirothon winners announced

WESTFORD – The results are in from the 2020-2021 Massachusetts Envirothon education program and competition for high school students, which was held remotely due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The Groton School was the top overall scoring team and will represent Massachusetts at the 2021 National Envirothon Competition being held virtually in July 2021.

The competition included two components, for which teams prepared for and presented remotely: the Natural Resource Challenge and the Current Issue. This year's Current Issue topic was "Water Resource Management and Climate Change." Winners were determined based on overall combined scores for both components.

Lexington High School placed second and Newton South High School placed third overall in the competition.

Eight teams, with three to 10

members each, participated: Acton Boxborough Regional High School, Brockton High School / Wildlands Trust, The Groton School, Lexington High School, Millbury Jr. Sr. High School, Newton South High School, Quabbin Regional High School and Shepherd Hill Regional High School (Dudley/Charlton).

The Natural Resource Challenge allowed teams to apply their knowledge of the four natural resource topic areas - soil, wildlife, water, and forest - by taking on the role of an environmental consultant. Each team submitted a 30-minute or less video presentation on their review of a fictional school building proposal. The school was to be built on a currently forested woodlands and wetlands parcel owned by a town.

In their video presentations, teams identified environmental or human health issues and determined if this was the best placement for the proposed school and supporting ser-

vices. They also used GIS mapping and answered questions about site soils, the Mass Wetlands Protection Act, carbon sequestration, drinking water regulations and wildlife. The Groton School (first place), Lexington (second place) and Newton South (third place) scored the highest for this challenge.

For the Current Issue portion of the Envirothon program, each team explored a significant environmental issue as it occurs in their own community and produced a 10-minute video on their research. Panels of five judges reviewed these videos and then engaged in twenty minutes of questions and discussion with each team in a live on-line meeting. To make the competition as fair as possible in this new format, a second round of judging was added, with a single panel of judges reviewing and ranking the three top scoring presentations: The Groton School (first), Lexington High School (second) and Acton-

Boxboro Regional High School (third).

The Massachusetts Envirothon challenges young people to get outdoors and explore, gaining hands-on knowledge and experience of Massachusetts ecosystems. They engage with their communities and develop skills for investigating local environmental issues, and learn how to actively participate in community decisions.

Congratulations to the Quabbin Regional High School Envirothon Team for their hard work and success at the 2021 Massachusetts Envirothon. The team was one of three teams across the state completing requirements for the Mass Envirothon Community Research Award as part of their work on the 2021 Current Issue Water Management and Climate Change. Their effort was all the more impressive because it took place under the difficulties imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021 participating team members from Quabbin Regional High School included: Katherine McMenemy of Barre, Olivia Smith of Barre, Quinn Trumbull-Olsen of North Brookfield, Casey Seem of Oakham, Claudio Santoro of Hardwick Meghan Haupt of Barre, Darian Hulsart of Oakham and Carissa McKee of Hubbardston. Quabbin teacher Elicia Andrews coached the Quabbin team.

The Quabbin team engaged in a variety of research experiences, including interviewing professionals (natural resource managers, scientists, farmers, and an environmental analyst), researching gray and green infrastructure online and in person, and using mapping tools online to better understand their watershed's assets and vulnerabilities in the face of climate change. They also investigated local organizations involved in water resource protection, and interviewed engineers, activists, local officials, and

natural resource managers to learn about their current work and identify key issues.

The 2020-2021 Massachusetts Envirothon was made possible through the contributions of partnering agencies and organizations, including financial support from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the U.S. Forest Service, the Massachusetts Grange, Environmental Business Council of New England, individual contributions and local conservation districts.

Multiple federal and state environmental agencies, conservation districts, non-profit organizations, higher educational institutions, and businesses are involved in planning and delivering the Massachusetts Envirothon program each year. For more information on the Massachusetts Envirothon, people may visit [www.massenvirothon.org](http://www.massenvirothon.org).

Lilly Shaulis wins second place in SkillsUSA championship

SHREWSBURY - Orlando Guadalupe, a Wareham resident and senior at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, won first place in the Diesel Equipment Technology competition at the 2021 SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Championship held at Advantage Truck Group in Shrewsbury, where the state's top diesel students competed in hands-on workstations, which tested their skills and knowledge of diesel technology.

As the first-place winner in the competition, Guadalupe qualifies to compete for the national SkillsUSA Championship in June and receives four hours of training at ATG's Shrewsbury facility with Rob Lynds, master diesel technician and director of training for ATG, to help prepare for the competition. He also earns a \$15,000 scholarship award and free tuition for a manufacturer-specific advanced training program from Universal Technical Institute.

A student in the Automotive Technology Program, Guadalupe focused on heavy-duty diesel technology during his cooperative education work experience at Falmouth Lumber, where under the guidance of technician Doug Martin he helped repair and service trucks and diesel-powered equipment.

Hosted on April 30 at ATG, the SkillsUSA Massachusetts Diesel Equipment Technology State Championship included ten workstations that challenged students' knowledge of tools, precision mea-



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**Lilly Shaulis of Barre is shown at a work station at the SkillsUSA Championship held in Shrewsbury.**

surement, specific vehicle components and job interview skills. Students competed in hands-on tasks related to engine diagnostics, electrical systems, brakes, steering, air systems and air conditioning, and a vehicle challenge that had them diagnose and repair several pre-assigned problems under the hood of a live vehicle.

In addition to hosting this year's competition, ATG designed

the hands-on tasks at each testing station and managed the day-long event.

Other student winners in the Diesel Equipment Technology competition are Lily Shaulis from Barre, an eleventh-grade student at Pathfinder Regional Technical High School who won second place and earned a \$7,500 UTI scholarship award and a free manufacturer-specific advanced training

program and Silver Lake Regional High School student Ryan Miranda from Halifax, who finished in third place and was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship and a free manufacturer-specific advanced training program from UTI.

Second place winner Lilly Shaulis, a student in the automotive technology program at Pathfinder, grew up working on cars with her father and said it was her uncle's career as a diesel technician in the U.S. Navy that sparked her interest in diesel.

"Working on cars has been my passion, but I've always been interested in trucks and diesel. I'd like to get a co-op working on diesel engines so I can keep learning about this field," said Shaulis.

Stan Stachura, automotive instructor at Pathfinder Technical High School, said Shaulis is already looking forward to next year's diesel competition.

"Lilly is one of the top students in her class. She puts in the time and effort to excel at whatever she does and doesn't hesitate to jump in and tackle any kind of job. I wish I had more students like her," said Stachura.

The annual SkillsUSA competition helps support student interest in diesel technician-related work while helping to build the employment pipeline for the state's trucking industry. For information about SkillsUSA Massachusetts, people may visit <https://www.mskillsusa.org>.

College of Holy Cross lists graduates

WORCESTER – The College of the Holy Cross celebrated nearly 750 bachelor of arts degree candidates at its 175th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the college's Fitton Field.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, delivered this year's address virtually to the Class of 2021 and received an honorary degree.

The following local students earned degrees: Margaret Anderson of Barre and Christa Moore of Hubbardston.

Quinsigamond Community College lists 2021 graduates

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College released its 2021 list of graduates. On Friday, May 21 at 1 p.m. QCC hosted a virtual commencement ceremony to honor this year's 1,441 graduates.

Local students receiving an Associate in Arts degree were: Cailyn Beamenderfer, Skye Guertin and Jordan Olson, all of North Brookfield; Rosangelina Fleming of Oakham; Megan Devlin, William Fassett, Richard Horrigan, Brian Mele, Delores Sherman, Maia Sperling and Matthew Trudeau, all of Rutland and James Cappadona of West Rutland.

Receiving an Associate in Science degree were: Crystal Brown, Rebecca Field, Jillian

Peterson, Nathan Sullivan, and Jordan Waugh, all of North Brookfield; Timothy Joyce, and John Martel, both of Oakham and Krysta Esteves, Jessica Jardine, Kelly Papagni, Delores Sherman, Lauren Wiinikka and Tanner Willman, all of Rutland.

Receiving a Certificate were: Thomas Anderson of Barre; Lisa Correa, Rebecca Field, Leo Gauthier and Miles Walton, all of North Brookfield and Jessica Jardine, Christopher Naples and Brianna Todd, all of Rutland.

For more information about QCC, people may contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu)

Fitchburg State University announces 2021 graduates

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University recently held its 125th commencement exercises, with virtual ceremonies honoring the graduating class.

Local graduates were: Kaelie A. Hosley of Barre BS educational studies, Teagan K. Cybulski of Hubbardston BS psychological science, Jessica Day of Hubbardston BS nursing, Alicia M. Debenedictis of Hubbardston MED elementary education, Brittany L. Eldridge of Hubbardston BS English studies, Madelyn E. Graves of Hubbardston BSE special education, Christina

Hantzis of Hubbardston BS business administration, Valerie A. Ingman of Hubbardston BS Nursing RN to BS, Jesse D. Veinotte of Hubbardston MED curriculum and teaching, Timothy J. Gribbons of Oakham MED curriculum and teaching, Veronica A. Hazen of Oakham BS game design, Kurtis D. Graeff of Petersham BS mathematics, Heather Fiato of Rutland MBA business administration, James P. Grady of Rutland BS criminal justice, Devon A. Hawley of Rutland BS game design and Jakub J. Sawczuk of Rutland BS game design.

College Dean's lists

**SNHU announces winter 2021 dean's list**

MANCHESTER, NH – Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following students on being named to the winter 2021 dean's list. The winter term runs from January to May.

Local students making the dean's list are: Lily Carr of Petersham and Kayla Fitton of Rutland.

Full-time students, who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699, are named to the dean's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate

day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 and EW2, EW3 and EW4, or EW5 and EW6.

**Rachel Rathbun makes dean's list**

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University student Rachel Rathbun of Hubbardston mad the dea's honor list for spring 2021. She is an English major at the university. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

UNH snnounces May 2021 Graduates

DURHAM, NH (05/25/2021)- The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of

cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

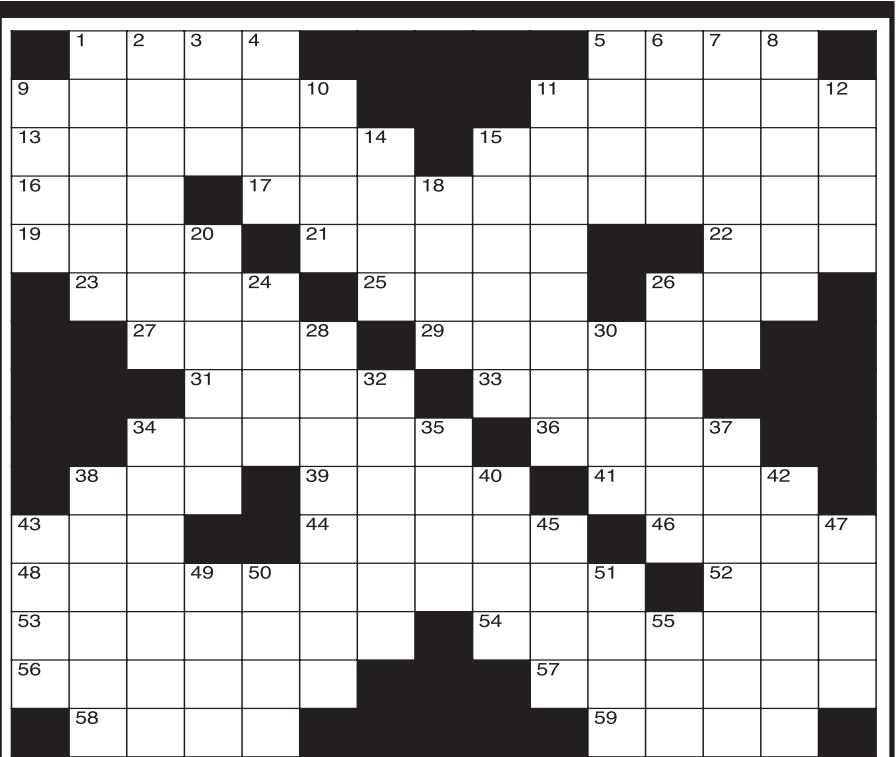
Thomas Heath of Hubbardston, MA graduated with a BS degree in BiomedSci:MedLabSci

Matthew Williams of

Hubbardston, MA graduated with a BA degree in Arts: Studio Art

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to "flows"  
5. French industrial city  
9. Diagrams  
11. Diplomat  
13. Hires  
15. Hawaiian island  
16. Set aflame  
17. Very happy  
19. Blue dye  
21. Small terrier with short legs  
22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)  
23. Northern pike genus  
25. Expression of annoyance  
26. Female deer  
27. Casella and Kellerman are two  
29. Actor's lines to audience  
31. Days (Spanish)

33. Close a person's eyes  
34. Cloaked  
36. Comedic actor  
38. It's all around us  
39. Neutralizes alkalis  
41. Native people of New Mexico  
43. No seats available  
44. Famed "Air Music" composer  
46. Fit of irritation  
48. Psychic phenomena  
52. Knicks' first-rounder  
53. Seed used in cooking  
54. "WandaVision" actress Hahn  
56. Samples food  
57. In a lucid way  
58. Stair part

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of moth  
2. A Christian sacrament  
3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)  
4. Turn away  
5. Impersonal  
6. Shortly  
7. Indigenous Alaskans  
8. Subtle difference of meaning  
9. Sicilian city  
10. Put in harmony  
11. Administrative divisions  
12. As happily  
14. Horse mackerel  
15. Muddy or boggy ground  
18. Monetary unit of Italy  
20. Construction site machine  
24. 22  
26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers  
28. Earnings  
30. Insect repellent  
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# Church News

## Local pastor offers sermon

### All I Need Pt. 2

In the previous edition we considered that Jesus is able and willing to meet our deepest needs. We noted that He alone satisfies our desires to be both understood and accepted. Let us continue exploring the sentiment that “Jesus is All We Need.”

#### 1) Valuation

To begin, I put forth that we all have a deep-seated need for valuation. We all long to be treated with respect, worth and dignity (despite our inherent imperfections). No one wants to be treated as though they are worthless, unnecessary and undesired!

Those who long for such valuation need look no further than Jesus Christ. If Scripture teaches us anything about Him, it is His heart for the outcast, the outsider, the lowly and the scorned. Take a moment to consider the sense of worth Jesus placed upon a woman of sinful character in the following account:

#### Luke 7:36-50

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a

prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

41 “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

48 Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

#### 2) Affection

Similarly, we all have an abiding need to be loved. We naturally long for a sense of unceasing, unconditional affec-

tion in a truly transient world. No one wants someone who will love them only when they are useful, beneficial and/or lovely (i.e., possessing some “admirable” quality). We desire those who will love us despite ourselves at times!

Of course, such affection is hard to find. As one author states, “The problem is everyone is looking for unconditional love, carrying a bag full of conditions.” Yet those who long for such love need look no further than Christ Jesus. Please take a moment to consider the following account:

#### Luke 5:27-32

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

31 Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Note the willingness of Christ to love the unlovable and the unwanted. Certainly, the religious community had no use for Levi or his friends! Moreover, note that Christ did not love Levi because he was useful, beneficial or particularly admirable

in moral quality or condition. Quite the contrary! Truth be told, Levi (also called Matthew) only became useful, beneficial and admirable upon discovering the love of God in Christ Jesus! Remember, God’s love for us is not based on our worthiness, but His. May you come to understand and receive His love in ever-increasing degrees! My prayer for you is that of the apostle Paul to the ancient church at Ephesus:

#### Ephesians 3:16-19

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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# Obituaries

## Wesley Howard Dwelly, 84

OAKHAM – Wesley Howard Dwelly, 84, passed away on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in St. Vincent Hospital with his wife by his side. He was born on the family farm in Oakham, the son of Robert C. and Sarah A. (Watson) Dwelly and was a lifelong resident of the town.



After retiring Wes did much research on the lost town of Coldbrook, he completed a map of the former village and many photos and information regarding it. He led several historical walks through the area. His greatest interest however was in growing Atlantic Giant Pumpkins. In 2008 he won

the Topsfield Fair and that pumpkin was featured on the David Letterman Show. He and Marcia met many wonderful pumpkin growers over the years and enjoyed going to fairs and weigh-offs. Wes was a Model A Ford enthusiast, having owned several of these cars over his lifetime. He had been working on restoring a 1931 Modell A Ford for the past year.

Wes and Marcia enjoyed traveling, especially to the warm island of Aruba in the winter. They also visited many National Parks, enjoyed cruising, and took a special trip to Sicily to meet some of Marcia’s family.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 4 -7 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. The funeral service for Wesley will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church in Oakham. Burial will be private for the family. Please omit flowers. Donations may be made in Wesley’s name to the ATA (American Tinnitus Association), P. O. Box 424049, Washington, DC 20042-4049 or to an Animal Rescue Shelter of your choice.

## DEATH NOTICE

**Dwelly, Wesley Howard**  
Died May 22, 2021  
Funeral Service June 12 at 11a.m.  
Oakham Congregational Church

## HARDWICK

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said he would forward it to the board. Gillespie said August 2020 is when he licensed the business as Gillespie Car Care and Jan. 28, 2020 is when he submitted the application for a Class II license.

Kemp said they would need to review the situation and hold a hearing.

#### Budget review

Cemetery Commissioner Paula Roberts said the new figure for the cemetery contract service is \$24,950, which is actually \$1,500 less than it was in fiscal 2021. Roberts said she will be talking with Highway Superintendent Mary Gryszowka about reimbursing the department for weekend burials. Roberts said Gryszowka and his crew “always help out.” Kemp said it would be good to compensate the Highway Department through the commission’s fee schedule, and Roberts agreed.

Finance Committee member Sam Jaksthis asked if they could end up in a similar situation as has happened previously, the lowest bidder was accepted and had to be replaced before the year’s end. Roberts said they are required to accept the lowest bidder, and the figure is so much lower is because it only includes mowing. Roberts said Michael and Laurie Crevier, of Barre, submitted the lowest bid. Roberts said the Creviers have contracted with the town before and are familiar with the work required. The board accepted the Creviers’

bid for cemetery and common mowing in the amount of \$24,950.

#### Smith Vocational

Kemp said they actually have two students that attend Smith Vocational Technical School for fiscal 2022. Kemp said both students are seniors and if they drive, they will have options for reducing the transportation budget.

#### Verizon accounts

Lori Hoffman said she is trying to clean up every account for the next warrant. She noticed there seems to be a lot of Verizon accounts for long-distance calls, but many of the departments do not use them.

#### EMS update

Selectmen Vice Chair Julie Quink said she had a call with Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Ware Fire Chief Chris Gagnon, Hardwick Police Chief Jim Ayotte and Hardwick Police Lt. Kevin Landine. Quink said they asked about getting money back on their assessment to Ware, for calls Ware is unable to respond to. Quink said they will see if Ware reduces their proposed assessment of \$77,000 to \$75,000 or lower. This would make the total budget for EMS in fiscal 2022 about \$100,000. Kemp said the Barre selectmen will be attending their meeting on June 7 to further discuss EMS coverage.

#### Town offices reopening

Kemp met with department heads and boards and commissions and said everyone seemed comfortable with reopening to the public on June 15. Ruggles asked about handicapped acces-

sibility issue, with the door needing to be repaired. Kemp said she will reach out to the building inspector. They will still have signs up asking people to wear masks and have hand sanitizer available.

#### Comcast contract

The town’s Comcast contract renewal is coming up next year. The board will need to meet with a representative from Comcast in July or August. Kemp said she will propose a meeting on July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sewer update

SelectBoard member H. Robert Ruggles said he requested a meeting with the USDA for June 1, but has not heard back as of meeting time. Ruggles met with the engineer last week to explore alternate sites for the proposed pumping station on the common.

#### Rte. 32/32A project

Hoffman said they have only received five out of 64 donation letters back from the easement. Deadline for letters is May 28.

Town Administrator position. Quink said she reached out to Katie Tyler, former town administrator for New Braintree, who is now retired. Quink said Tyler is willing to start in June and work from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for the month of June. Quink said, “she would help us through getting through this rough point.” The board approved having Katie Tyler come in on a temporary basis for the month of June at a rate of \$20 per hour.

#### Elevator inspection

Kemp said she received many emails regarding an ele-

vator inspection for the Paige Memorial Library that was due May 5. Paige Memorial Library Director Julie Bullock said the elevator company normally contacts her or Anne Barnes to allow access into the building to inspect the elevator. Bullock said this did not happen this year, and the library was informed the inspector arrived, but no one was there. Bullock said they saw on their security footage, that the inspector arrived at 7:30 a.m. on a Wednesday, which is outside of their normal operating hours.

The inspector charged them over \$500 for not being there when he arrived. Bullock said they have another inspection scheduled. Bullock said they tried communicating with the elevator company, but it is not resolved. Bullock said their voices are not strong enough. Kemp said she could make a phone call on their behalf.

Barnes said a lot of times the elevator company would notify former Town Administrator Theresa Cofske, who would in turn contact Barnes. She said the letter the elevator company said they sent for the library inspection actually described the elevator at the Town House.

Bullock and Barnes said their respective fire extinguishers also need to be inspected also.

#### Department heads

Kemp said she was pleased with how the meeting with the various department heads went last Wednesday at the Town House, and proposed holding another one on June 23, at 3 p.m. in the Town House.

## Tri-Parish church to hold plant sale and more

HARDWICK The Tri-Parish Community Church has started planning for its 15th annual plant and bake sale. The third annual tag and craft sale will coincide with this event, which will take place on the Hardwick Common, Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

This East Quabbin area spring-time event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs. Inishowen Farms, of North Brookfield, Stillman’s Farm, of New Braintree, Chicken Feather

Farm, of New Braintree, and private gardens will provide plants. Assorted home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine. Volunteers and attendees must wear masks and maintain six-foot distancing; hand sanitizer will be available.

Tri-Parish seeks vendors for the tag and craft sale on that date. Spaces will be offered for \$30 each. Applications may be obtained by contacting the church at [triparishcc@gmail.com](mailto:triparishcc@gmail.com) or Tri-Parish Community Church, P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531. People should reserve a space early. All are welcome.

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## PATHFINDER

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ic career. “We’re planning to keep in contact with each other after we graduate.”

Swift, who also played soccer in high school, is planning enlist in the Army full time.

“I’m going to be enlisting in the Army,” Swift said. “My life dream has always been to serve my country.”

In the fall, Talbot will be a freshman at Norwich University, which is a private military academy located in Northfield, Vermont. He’ll be a pitcher on the Cadets baseball team in the spring of 2022.

“I’m really looking forward to being a pitcher on the Norwich baseball team next year. Standing on the mound is one of my favorite things to do,” Talbot said. “I was also interested in the engineering program at Norwich.”

The last member of the Pathfinder baseball team to play college baseball was Andrew Roman. He’s a senior pitcher on this year’s Salve Regina University baseball team, which qualified for the NCAA Division 3 tournament.

Swift allowed seven runs on nine base hits in his senior night start against Franklin Tech (6-4), who also defeated Pathfinder, 10-0, in the season opener.

Talbot allowed the two base runners that he inherited in the fifth inning to score, which gave the Eagles a 7-3 lead.

The Pioneers, who had scored all three of their runs in the second inning with the help of four errors, put four more runs on the rightfield scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth.

The scoring spree began with an RBI single to right field by junior second baseman Jeremy Bouthiller, who’s father, Paul, is

the Pioneers first-year head coach. Then Swift hit a chopper up the middle into center field for his second hit of the game putting runners at the corners. A double to right field by junior leftfielder Cameron Zoto drove home both runners slicing the deficit to 7-6. The tying run scored on an RBI single to center by sophomore third baseman Jason Swistak, who had a team-leading three base hits.

The Pioneers left two runners in scoring position in the sixth inning. Talbot singled leading off the bottom of the seventh before stealing second base. He was stranded there as the next three batters struck out.

Talbot, who recorded seven strikeouts, managed to keep the ballgame tied in the sixth and seventh innings before allowing the go-ahead run to score with two-outs in the top of the eighth.

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# Do You Sometimes Feel Sorry for Yourself?

By Carole Gariepy

We all feel sorry for ourselves sometimes and especially this past year with all the restrictions, limitations, uncertainties, and changes that have occurred. COVID has affected all of us. We don't just need shots of the vaccine, we need shots of inspiration, and I would like to share the one I recently got when visiting in New Braintree with my friend's grandson, Tim Pollard.

The sparkle in Tim's eyes and the friendly spontaneous outreach of his left hand to greet me drew me to him immediately. He has no right hand to shake with and the quick extension of his left somehow prompted an automatic response for me to extend my left also. His self-confidence and obvious lack of embarrassment touched me. I was emotionally moved and impressed and wanting to hear his story, a story of strength and courage he willingly shared.

First of all, he said he doesn't think much about not having a right hand, "I think it bothers others more than it bothers me." He added, "If I'd lost it in a war, it would have been terrible, I would have been used to having two hands."

Tim was born with two hands. The accident happened when he was 3 1/2 just after he learned to write his name -- with his right hand. He was sitting in his dad's lap while he was mowing the lawn when Tim slipped off and his hand went under the turning blades.

Tim said the accident hurt his father the most. He died when Tim was only 12 but his wise words have stuck with Tim all his life. "My father was my greatest motivator. No babying was allowed. I had to stack wood, throw hay bales, pick vegetables, drive the tractor, and do farm chores along with my brothers." He didn't allow Tim to be different from the others or to feel sorry for himself. He also advised him, "You have to be smarter than I was. You



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo  
**Carole Gariepy recently visited with Tim Pollard of New Braintree.**

can't be a "C" student." His father emphasized that he would need a good education, that physical labor was not for his future work.

Tim did go to college -- Nichols College, where he majored in business management. Today he is the treasurer of the Worcester Elevator Company and oversees the finances and payroll. His humor showed when I asked him how he liked the position and he answered, "It has its ups and downs," the perfect answer for an elevator business. He went on to say that he loves the job and the people, a family-run business with the caring and supportive relationships he grew up with.

When I asked about using the computer, he said he's not fast at typing. "There's no method for teaching a one-handed typist," he said, but he manages okay.

He's married, has his own home, and enjoys building projects. He tiled his bathroom, installed outside steps, built a coffee table. He says you can teach yourself how to do most everything. I asked how he could hammer in a nail using just one hand, and he said he drills a hole to hold the nail, then hammers

it in, but he uses screws when possible. He makes cuts with a chop saw, a good choice for him as the blade is on a slide and can be pulled through the wood with one hand..

His positive "can-do" attitude reminds me of Henry Ford's quotation, "If you believe you can or believe you can't, you are right." Tim believes he can. Our thoughts do determine the quality of our lives. Anyone interacting with Tim would understand the importance of thinking about what you do have, not dwelling on what you don't have.

When I asked him why he doesn't wear a prosthesis, he explained that he did wear one for a while, but he had to use it gently. It served him more cosmetically than for work. The elbow joint is a good strong tool that does serve him well, and I noticed what well-developed shoulders and arms he has. If a person doesn't use a limb, it will start to atrophy and that hasn't happened with Tim. His good self-esteem allows him to use his right arm in the way that serves him best.

Tim is very excited about becoming a father. He and Jillian will have a son in August. His accident alerts him about dangers, and he says that one thing he wants to be mindful of is not to be overly protective. His son will learn a lot from his father's example, and the good motivation Tim received from his father will surely be passed on. His dad was proud of his kids and wanted them to do well. Tim sure made those wishes come true.

My visit with Tim was a good day at a time when we are hearing about so many bad days - my nephew struggling to overcome COVID, my friend's relative having a heart attack after having COVID, my sister's neighbor dying from COVID.

The visit made me think about the benefits of making the best of whatever circumstances we face. Thank you, Tim, for a shot of inspiration.

# Public Safety

## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of May 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 84 building/property checks, 8 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, 8 traffic controls, 19 emergency 911 calls, 7 motor vehicle stops, 3 complaints, 2 safety hazards, 1 larceny/theft/shopping and 3 animal calls in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, May 17**  
8:35 a.m. 911 – Safety Hazard  
Grove Street – Spoken To  
2:18 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard  
Main Street – Spoken To

**Wednesday, May 19**  
11:53 a.m. 911 – Misdial Church Street – No Action Required

8:34 p.m. Phone – Neighbor Dispute  
Main Street – Investigated

**Friday, May 21**  
12:31 a.m. Initiated – Investigation  
Main Street – Negative Contact  
8:09 a.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Petersham Road – Report Taken  
9:40 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency  
Ridge Road – Transported to Mary Lane  
11:27 a.m. Phone – Medical  
Emergency Main Street – Spoken To  
4:22 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle  
Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

**Saturday, May 22**  
7:56 a.m. Radio – Gun Shots Prouty Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

10:38 a.m. 911 – Misdial Hardwick Road – Spoken To  
5:51 p.m. Phone – Complaint Main Street – Services Rendered  
9:23 p.m. 911 – Misdial Jackson Road – Services Rendered

**Sunday, May 23**  
7:25 a.m. Phone – Complaint Mill Street – Peace Restored  
9:24 a.m. 911 – Complaint Bridge Street – Unfounded  
10:52 a.m. Radio – Medical  
Emergency Main Street – Officer Handled  
2:25 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Main Street – Services Rendered

## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of May 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, 7 radar assignments, 5 traffic controls, 3 emergency 911 calls, 3 motor vehicle stops, 1 aviation incident, 1 fraud and 1 animal call in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, May 10**  
5:14 p.m. Initiated – Investigation  
Unitas Road – Investigated

**Tuesday, May 11**  
1:15 p.m. Phone – Fraud Worcester Road – Report Taken  
3:52 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Gilbertville Road – Negative Contact

**Wednesday, May 12**  
3:47 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency

Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  
**Saturday, May 15**  
12:53 p.m. 911 – Aviation Incident  
McEvoy Road – Checked/Secured  
4:37 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency  
Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital

During the weeks of May 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 27 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, 5 radar assignments, 2 traffic controls, 6 emergency 911 calls, 1 safety hazard, 1 complaint and 1 animal call in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, May 17**  
8:18 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard  
West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, May 18**  
9:21 p.m. Phone – Complaint West Road – Gone On Arrival

**Wednesday, May 19**  
5:10 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations

**Thursday, May 20**  
6:06 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Wine Road – Spoken To  
12:36 p.m. 911 – Misdial Worcester Road – Spoken To

**Saturday, May 22**  
10:25 p.m. 911 – Complaint Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To

**Sunday, May 23**  
12:33 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To  
9:19 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency  
Barre Road – Transported to Hospital

## Baystate Health opens child/adolescent behavioral unit

SPRINGFIELD – Addressing the critical shortage of behavioral health services for children in the region, Baystate Health opened a temporary 12-bed child/adolescent psychiatric unit on its Baystate Medical Center campus in Springfield on Wednesday, April 28.

"This new unit serves as a bridge allowing us to provide inpatient psychiatric care for children and adolescents over the next two years until our new Baystate-Kindred Healthcare joint venture behavioral health hospital opens with a permanent pediatric/adolescent unit. The rapid development of a new psychiatric unit for children in the hospital is a very complex project and we're quite proud of the extraordinary efforts of all involved," said Dr. Barry Sarvet, chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Baystate Health.

Dr. Sarvet noted the health system has been collaborating with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) on how to meet the behavioral health needs of our younger population.

Due to the reduction of available pediatric behavioral health beds in the region, compounded by the increased demand for these services during the pandemic, many vulnerable children have been left without any available inpatient resources. This has resulted in alarming numbers of children waiting for days and weeks in the emergency room and on pediatric medical units.

"While the new temporary unit will be owned and operated by Baystate Health, our partners at Kindred Behavioral Health Services will be assisting us in managing its day-to-day operations and staffing the unit with nurses and mental health counselors. Child and adolescent psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners from the Baystate Health department of psychiatry will oversee the treatment of each patient on the unit," said Dr. Sarvet.

"We look forward to working in partnership with Baystate Health to help address the need for high-quality inpatient psychiatric care for children and adolescents in western Massachusetts," said Rob Marsh, senior vice president and Chief Operating Officer for Kindred Behavioral Health Services.

Support from the Western Massachusetts legislative delegation through funding in the FY21 state budget was critical in making it possible for Baystate Health to undertake the project.

Baystate Health and Kindred Behavioral Health Services' joint venture to create a state-of-the-art behavioral health hospital in the region - for adults as well as children and adolescents - has also received unanimous support from the Holyoke City Council to purchase land on Lower Westfield Road in Holyoke for construction of the proposed hospital.

The \$55 million, 150-bed facility will address the shortage of inpatient behavioral health beds in the region for adults, including geriatrics, as well as adolescents and children.

## New app aids Connecticut River paddlers

GREENFIELD – A new smartphone app launched on World Water Day, March 22, to help paddlers navigate the Connecticut River, particularly for multi-day paddles. The Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail (CRPT) is a unique, water-based trail that includes a series of primitive campsites and river access points spanning 400+ miles of the Connecticut River through NH, VT, MA and CT. CRPT is managed by a collaborative of more than 30 nonprofit organizations and state agencies, including the Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC), the Appalachian Mountain Club, and the Vermont River Conservancy. Those interested in downloading the app can find it in CRC's online store at [www.ctriver.org/shop](http://www.ctriver.org/shop), or search "Guthook Guides" in your smartphone app store.

"We chose to launch this new

app on World Water Day, a day where people around the world recognize the importance of water in our lives," says Gabriel Chevalier, CRPT Coordinator. "The Connecticut River is the longest river in New England and enriches our lives in many ways. It offers many recreational opportunities that promote healthy communities and boost local economies. This new app offers paddlers an easy-to use digital paddling guide to navigate the CRPT campgrounds, access points, rapids and other resources along the Connecticut River."

Proceeds from the \$9.99 app and waterproof printed maps are used to fund trail stewardship projects. The app was developed in partnership with Atlas/Guthook Guides, who offer similar app-based guides for other well-known trails like the Long Trail

and the Appalachian Trail. The Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail map is available as an in-app purchase in the Guthook Guides app, a free download from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

The Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail is managed by a collaborative of organizations, guided by a shared vision. Partners assist with trail planning and development, building and stewarding primitive campsites, improving access points and portage trails, and disseminating information to visitors. Campsite development, as well as ongoing stewardship, is carried out by volunteers, scout troops, and youth stewardship corps who work together to mitigate the impacts of recreation use. To learn more, people may visit [www.connecticutriverpaddlerstrail.org](http://www.connecticutriverpaddlerstrail.org)

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A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph D. Bergin, Jr.** of Hardwick, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Joseph D. Bergin, Jr.** of Hardwick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021.**  
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**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Represent-

ative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A. Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 26, 2021  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
06/03/2021

## GREENERY continued from page 3

World War I veteran's memorial. The combined total square footage for all three buildings is 115,000.

Each building will be completely separated and sealed; the bridging would be removed between Mill #1 and the Carter Building. "Our main focus is to keep the historic look and aspects of the building, while at the same time reinvigorating them to be the economic engine they once were," Palmucci said.

The expected cost to redevelop the mill is \$5 million.

**Marijuana cultivation**  
Palmucci said their plan includes 50,000 to 60,000 square feet of marijuana cultivation, or about half of the floor space in Mill #1. The building will be sealed, with the windows blacked out to prevent light pollution and odor issues. They will install an HVAC system to scrub the odors from the air, similar to a marijuana establishment located in Holyoke. Palmucci said the noise should not be an issue as cultivation operations do not produce excessive noise. Because the windows will be blacked out, no cannabis will be visible from the outside.

Wluka said they would like to drill a well on the property to provide water for agricultural use only. All other water uses would utilize the town's water system.

**Security**  
People will need to be 21 years of age to enter the building with positive identification. All cannabis product and waste will be strictly accounted for and heavily regulated. Doors will be secured with electronic key entry. Staff must always wear IDs and will be granted different security access levels.

**Community Impact**  
"We believe the project will have a significant positive impact on the community," Palmucci said. They proposed a 3% impact fee, which is the current state maximum, for the recreational cannabis and a 1% impact fee for the wholesale.

They will also hire local vendors and employees whenever possible. The Carter Building and Office Building will be available to be used for a variety of non-cannabis businesses. LaFrance said the Carter Building would be ideal to house a restaurant and the Office Building could be retail use that includes marijuana or other uses. This would open many business and employment opportunities in town.

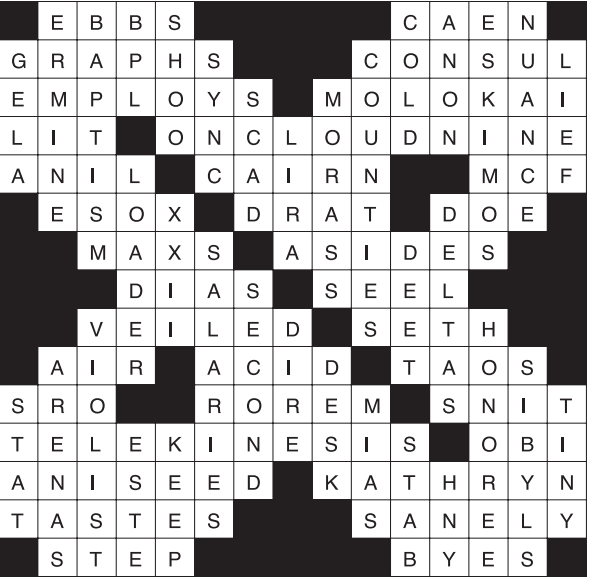
Palmucci said they want several non-cannabis businesses in the complex. "It's still in the formation process," he said about the types of businesses that could use the space. "All facilities will be isolated from the cannabis area," he said.

**Boost to tourism**  
Wluka said, "I'm very excited

to be working on this project...this building is crying to be brought back to life." Wluka noted that undeveloped branch of the Mass Central Rail Trail runs alongside the mill complex, and he hopes to establish that trail as a way to encourage more travel through the town, thus bringing more customers to businesses. Wluka said the mill offers "more building than we need for cannabis uses," and would make an ideal space for restaurants, shops, year-round farmers' markets, breweries, bakeries and more. He said local farmers growing hemp could have it processed at the mill.

**Energy conservation**  
Palmucci said 70 to 80% of the cost to operate the proposed establishment is energy. They will be exploring adding solar to the roof to increase energy efficiency of the site. Lang said the Cannabis Control Commission recommends they use LED lighting, but they have not determined what type of light they will utilize yet.

**Community involvement**  
Palmucci said, "this is the first step in a formal process." He said they want to hear from the community and know what ideas they have for uses of the space. "Mr. Lang wants it to be a successful joint effort...the best projects are the ones the communities are engaged in," Palmucci said, "I'm really excited to bring this to reality."



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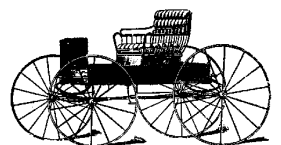
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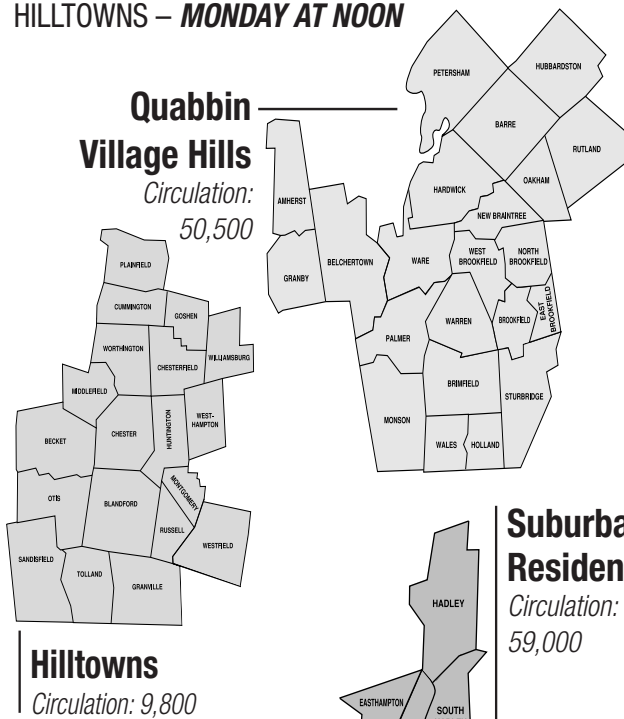
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Jenna Dupell, president of the North Brookfield High School Junior Class, gave a powerful reading of the Gettysburg Address. Proclamations were read by Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Jason

Petratis and Clerk John Tripp. Tim Nason read the names of veterans that had died from 2019 to 2021, while Ware Boy Scout Troop 281 member and North Brookfield resident, Liam Cloutier, gave the drum roll.

Members of VFW Post 3439 and American Legion Post 41's firing squad gave a rifle salute outside of the church, followed by Taps performed by Mark McGrail and Alycia Martin. Don Smith of American Legion Post 41 raised the colors. Everyone joined singer Kaitlyn Foucher in performing the National Anthem before the ceremony was closed.



Frank Potter, Chaplain of North Brookfield VFW Post 3439 gave the invocation.



Master of Ceremonies James Foyle, retired Lieutenant Colonel for the United States Marine Corps, talks about the importance of Memorial Day, and supporting veterans.

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